

With the upcoming winter weather here are some suggestions for winter driving on National Forest service lands.

Winter adventures like Christmas tree hunting, sledding, snowmobiling and skiing are all fun winter activities that require you drive into the Forest.

The Modoc National Forest would like for your adventure to be fun and safe, here are a few suggestions to keep in mind.

Plan for the unexpected.

Check the latest road and weather conditions.

Let someone know where you're going.

Don't forget to fuel up at the beginning of the trip.

Carry an emergency kit in your vehicle.

Travelers should be prepared to spend long periods of time in the car. Blankets or sleeping bags, warm clothes, a snow shovel, water, food and other necessities are recommended as part of a complete vehicle emergency kit.

Weather can change quickly, particularly in higher elevations. Good snow tires, a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and chains are advised when driving in winter conditions.

Although GPS systems are valuable tools for navigating forest roads, they cannot always be relied on to provide the safest routes based on current conditions. A GPS system can easily lead you to a route that is impassable due to snow.

Keep in mind that cell phones may not work in remote areas.

Just following some of these simple suggestions may help you to have a great time on your local Forest during the winter months and bring you home safe to your loved ones.

